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Mr. Bob Wyatt
Chairman, Lower Willamette Group
c/o Northwest Natural
220 Northwest Second Avenue
Portland, Oregon 97209

Re: Portland Harbor Superfund Site, Administrative Order on Consent for Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study; Docket No. CERCLA-10-2001-0240
Combined Notice of Objection to and Request for Dispute Resolution of EPA's Notice of Demand for Payment of Stipulated Penalties, April 10, 2013.

Dear Mr. Wyatt:

I am in receipt of the Lower Willamette Group's Combined Notice of Objection and Request for Dispute Resolution, dated July 12, 2013. I am writing to provide the process for making my decision.

The EPA will prepare a written response to the Lower Willamette Group's Combined Notice and Request by August 2, 2013 for the dispute record. The EPA will provide a copy of its response to you on behalf of the Lower Willamette Group by email on August 2. The Lower Willamette Group will have until August 9, 2013 to provide a rebuttal to EPA's response. The Lower Willamette Group may request an extension of this time frame with justification. I anticipate that based on the written record created, I will make a final decision on the stipulated penalty by the end of September. In your submission you requested the opportunity to present oral argument to me on the dispute. At this time, I do not believe there is a need for oral argument on this dispute. However, I am reserving the right to conduct oral arguments should conditions warrant.

If you have questions please call me at (206) 553-4828, or have your legal counsel call Lori Cora, at (206) 553-1115.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Richard Albright", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Richard Albright, Director
Office of Environmental Cleanup

cc: Portland Harbor Site File